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1. SUMMARY: PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG CARRIED LONG EDITOIAL CONTAINING STRONG CRITICISM OF SADAT'S "NEW" ATTITUDE TOWARD US, AND "ATTEMPT BY REACTIONARY FORCES TO LEAD ARAB PEOPLES AWAY FROM AREA OF PROGRESS AND BACK INTO ARMS OF IMPERIALISTS". TONE OF EDITORIAL IS MUCH STRONGER THAN THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL AND CONTAINS WARNING BY GOH FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING COOPERATION WITH "IMPERIALIST ALLIES" OF ISRAEL. SUCH OPEN CRITICISM OF EGYPT CLEARLY IMPLIES WARSAW PACT CONCERN THAT SADAT'S EXAMPLE MAY APPEAR INVITING TO OTHER ARAB LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

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2. HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG CARRIED LONG EDITORIAL WARNING ARABS OF "REACTIONARY FORCES TRYING TO LEAD ARAB PEOPLES ASTRAY AND CREATING SYSTEMS THAT WOULD AGAIN MAKE MIDEAST POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DEPENDING UPON IMPERIALISM". ARTICLE CLAIMS "THERE ARE MANY TREACHEROUS SIGNS OF THIS ACTIVITY AND INTENTION". DANGER SIGNS ARE ALLEGEDLY PUBLIC RE-APPRAISALS OF "ISRAEL'S AMERICAN PATRONS, EFFORTS TO ABOLISH PROGRESSIVE ARAB ACHIEVEMENTS, AND UNDERMINING OF FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES".

3. ARTICLE QUOTES FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA'S WARNING CONTAINED IN APRIL SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT THAT MAIN GOAL OF ISRAEL AND ITS IMPERIALIST ALLIES HAD NOT CHANGED AND CALIMED THAT THOSE WHO ARE UNDERMINING PROGRESSIVE ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE "TRYING TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY UPON SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". CERTAIN BOURGEOIS FORCES IN EGYPT ARE ACCUSED OF COZYING UP TO US SO AS TO BETTER INFLUENCE US POLICY. THESE ELEMENTS ALLEGEDLY CLAIM THAT "KEY TO SOLUTION" IS IN WASHINGTON'S HANDS. ARTICLE GOES ON TO QUOTE PRESIDENT SADAT'S EARLIER REJECTION OF THE ABOVE ARGUMENTS, BUT THEN REPORTS THAT "LATEST CAIRO STATEMENTS ARE DIFFERENT" AND TEND TO FORGET FACTS REGARDING US ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.

4. READERS ARE WARNED THAT "MORE AND MORE ARTICLES IN CAIRO PRESS ARE ATTEMPTING TO POPULARIZE US AS BEING PRO-ARAB" AND ARE CALLING FOR "BALANCED POLICY" BETWEEN TWO "SUPER-POWERS". NEPSZABADSAG STATES THAT "ENEMIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH SOVIET UNION ARE OBVIOUSLY SUPPORTING SUCH VIEWS" AND GOES ON TO ENUMERATE BENEFITS TO ARABS WHICH HAVE BEEN RESULT OF CLOSE TIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

5. SIGNIFICANT THAT PARTY PAPER CONTINUING TO HAMMER AT SADAT. ARTICLE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT ABOVE ALSO CARRIED IN GOVERNMENT PAPER MAGYAR HIRLAP. TONE OF EDITORIAL MUCH HARsher THAN THAT REPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN REFTTEL AND CRITICISM OF SADAT AND US MORE DIRECT, APPARENTLY ILLUSTRATING NERVOUSNESS OVER COURSE OF EVENTS IN MIDEAST AND EFFECT THEY MAY HAVE ON OTHER "PROGRESSIVE ARAB LEADERS".
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